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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Disclosure JP-A-Heisei No. 9-55753, dated February 25, 1997;
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Disclosure JP-A-Heisei No. 9-98169, dated April 8, 1997;


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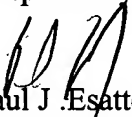
  
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3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Disclosure JP-A-Heisei No. 10-4415, dated January 6, 1998;
4. United States Patent No. 5,926,477, issued to Shirokura et al., dated July 20, 1999;
5. United States Patent No. 6,038,237, issued to Tsuruta et al., dated March 14, 2000;
6. United States Patent No. 6,172,978 B1, issued to Fushimi et al., dated January 9, 2001;
7. United States Patent No. 6,345,054 B1, issued to Sasaki, dated February 25, 2002;
8. United States Patent No. 6,363,064 B1, issued to Yamaguchi, dated March 26, 2002;
9. United States Patent No. 6,442,175 B1, issued to Shibuya, dated August 27, 2002; and
10. United States Patent No. 5,987,025, issued to Hokari, dated November 16, 1999.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the above listed references are not provided, as references 1-3, were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed June 15, 1999 and references 4-10 were previously cited by the Examiner in connection with parent case, U.S. Serial Number: 09/333,608 filed on June 15, 1999.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		5,926,477	7/20/1999	Shirokura et al.			
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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							YES	NO
		9-55753	2/25/1997	Japan				
		9-98169	4/8/1997	Japan				
		10-4415	1/6/1998	Japan				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**    *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*


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